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Newspaper Article on Soviet Gold Production

REF : The Times Review of Industry, Sept 1957, London, pp 87-8

BACKGROUND

The referenced article is by an unnamed "special correspondent" who displays a considerable knowledge of the history of the Soviet gold industry and estimates production in tons by five-year periods and particular years through 1955. His estimates are extremely high; for example, 1950 production is estimated at 20 million ounces, while the ORR estimate is about 4 million ounces. The methodology of the article is not given.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Who is the special correspondent?
2. What is the methodology used in arriving at his wartime and post-war production estimates?
3. Could a bibliography of his post-war data be obtained?

(This memo is unclassified except for the reference to the ORR estimate.)

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